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SUBJECT: W/W - TRAVCOA TOUR GROUP TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

REF: EMBASSY TELCON OF 4/12/77

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A FINAL WRAP-UP OF THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
INVOLVING THE 13 MEMBER TRAVCOA "KIPLING" TOUR GROUP.
MEMBERS OF THE TOUR ARE:

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MR. FRANKLIN FOX
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KITCHENA, ONTARIO, CANADA

2. TO SUMMARIZE WHAT OCCURRED, A LOCALLY CHARTERD BUS RE-
TURNING THE TRAVCOA "KIPLING" TOUR GROUP TO ANKARA, AFTER
VISITING "CAPPADOCIA" AREA, LEFT THE ROAD AND OVERTURNED TWICE.
MIRACULOUSLY THERE WERE NO DEATHS BUT THREE MEMBERS OF THE
GROUP SUFFERED BROKEN BONES IN THE ACCIDENT. THE REMAINDER
SUFFERED ASSORTED ACHES, PAIN, AND BRUISES, WHICH WHILE
MINOR NEVERTHELESS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE PAIN, DISCOMFORT
AND INHIBITED THEIR ABILITY TO MOVE AROUND.

3. AFTER EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT ANKARA TRAFFIC HOSPITAL AND
HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL DURING WHICH EVERYONE WAS
X-RAYED AND EXAMINED BY DOCTORS THE GROUP WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF MR. FREDERICKS, MRS. DIETRICH AND MRS. CALKINS WHO WERE
HOSPITALIZED RETURNED TO THEIR HOTEL TO RECUPERATE.

4. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS REST TOUR LEADER FRANKLIN FOX DECIDED
TO RESUME TOUR AND GROUP -MINUS TWO COUPLES- DEPARTED ANKARA
APRIL 14. MR. AND MRS. FREDERICKS AND MR. AND MRS. DIETRICH
DECIDED TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES RATHER THAN
CONTINUE THE TOUR. THE FREDERICKS AND DIETRICH LEFT ANKARA
4/18 VIA PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT 111 FOR THE U.S. PAA MADE ARRANGE-
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MENTS FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE ON AIRCRAFT AND FACILITATIVE
ASSISTANCE ENROUTE.

5. TOUR PLANNED TO RETURN TO U.S. ON 4/18 (ORIGINAL SCHEDULE)
AND AS THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER CONTAVCE LEAVING ANKARA
WE ASSUME REMAINDER OF TRIP WAS NORMAL.

6. EMBASSY UNABLE TO OBTAIN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENTS.
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